

PORT HEALTH DISTRICT OF WORKINGTON.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1941,
 BY ROBERT W. MACPHERSON, M.D., D.P.H.

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Town Hall,
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March, 1942.

Dear Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

My Annual Report for the year 1941 has been prepared and modified in accordance with Circular 1937 of the Ministry of Health, dated 11th January, 1940, with a view to avoiding as far as possible disclosure of information relating to the movements of ships, etc. Furthermore, in view of the present emergency the Minister suggests that the Report should not be published, a small number of copies being reproduced for the necessary minimum circulation to the Authority and the Ministry.

1. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year.

	By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanit- ary Inspector.	No. re- ported to be defect- ive.	No. of vessels on which defects were remedied.	No. of vessels reported as having, or having had dur- ing the voyage in- fectious disease on board.
Vessels Inspected	42	402	54	51	1

2. Water Supply.

This service remains the same as previously described.

3. Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933.

The existing arrangements have continued to work smoothly. During the year the Master of one vessel reported illness during the voyage. One member of the crew was found suffering from malaria and pleurisy, and was removed to Hospital. Nine other reports of sickness were received from other vessels, but all proved of a non-infectious character. The question of vermin on vessels continues to receive the careful attention of the Sanitary Inspector.

4. Measures against Rodents.

All vessels were examined for the presence of rats, but no trouble was experienced in this direction. The Port has not yet been recognised as an Approved Port for the issue of Deratisation Certificates, consequently delay and inconvenience is experienced by having to bring Officials from another Approved Port.

5. Hygiene of Crew's Spaces.

Classification of Nuisances.

Nation- ality of vessel.	Number inspected during the year.	Defects of original construct- ion.	Structural defects through wear and tear.	Dirt, ver- min, and other con- ditions prejudic- ial to health.
British	290	-	16	41
Other Nations	112	-	9	17

During the year 54 informal notices were served by the Sanitary Inspector for various defects or other conditions prejudicial to health.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

ROBERT W. MACPHERSON, M.D., D.P.H.
Medical Officer to the Authority.